**COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 4308**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO BRING BEFORE THE COMMISSION AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT FY11 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE UP TO THE EQUIVALENT OF 1.5 MILLS FROM GENERAL FUND CASH RESERVES FOR GALLATIN COLLEGE PROGRAMS AND TO DEVELOP PRELIMINARY BUDGETS FOR FY12 AND FY 13 THAT EACH INCLUDE UP TO THE EQUIVILANT OF 1.5 MILLS FOR THE SUPPORT OF GALLATIN COLLEGE PROGRAMS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman and its citizens have supported Montana State University and its land grant mission “to promote liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life” since its inception, as shown by their joint donation with Gallatin County, in 1893, of the property and resources on which the original Montana State College and Agricultural Station was built; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bozeman City Commission in 2011 wishes to show the same foresight as was shown in 1883, this time by making another substantial contribution to higher education to facilitate the two year college within Montana State University now referred to as Gallatin College Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2009, adopted Resolution 4195 thus approving the City of Bozeman Economic Development Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman Economic Development Plan enumerates six general economic development goals and specific strategies providing a framework in which the City, the business community and key stakeholder groups can plan, prioritize and implement economic development activities for the benefit of all citizens of Bozeman; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2011 approved the City of Bozeman’s Economic Development Council’s 2010 – 2011 Priorities and Recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman’s Economic Development Council’s 2010 – 2011 Priorities and Recommendations enumerates six specific yet interrelated priorities and recommendations that build upon our City’s existing advantages and position the community to excel by supporting and encouraging growth and expansion of existing businesses, attracting and retaining new businesses, increasing investments and creating jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman Economic Development Plan Development Goal number three encourages support for education and workforce development initiatives to provide Bozeman with the qualified workers to meet the needs of business; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman's Economic Development Council's 2010 – 2011 Priorities and Recommendations 6, Workforce Development, specifically recommends supporting the efforts of MSU to create Gallatin College Programs and expand two-year degree and job training and certification programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Montana State University Bozeman received approval from the Montana Board of Regents to provide local two-year education programming through Gallatin College Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana University System through the College! Now initiative has prioritized the need to increase affordability and accessibility of two-year education statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of a trained and skilled local workforce would be improved by the development of the one and two-year education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the state and local employment projections show that many of the fastest growing jobs require at least a postsecondary certificate or associate degree; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Bozeman's largest industries, including healthcare, hospitality, building trades and service businesses, employ workers with one-year certificates and Associate Degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 4308 and the attached funding of Montana State University's Gallatin College Programs is offered in support of the Montana Board of Regents desire for local funding support for two-year education, expressed at the May 27-28, 2010 meeting of the Montana Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, 1.5 mills are local levies in support of similar institutions in other communities in Montana.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana, to wit:

#### **Section 1**

In support of Gallatin College Programs, the City Commission does hereby direct the City Manager to bring before the city commission an amendment to the current 2011 fiscal year budget appropriating general fund cash reserves in an amount up to 1.5 mills for the support of Gallatin College Programs and to aid the development of two-year education programs, services and operations once notified in writing by the Dean of Gallatin College Programs and the President of Montana State University that the Gallatin College Programs is prepared to proceed with said funding.

#### **Section 2**

In further support of Gallatin College Programs, the City Commission does hereby direct the City Manager to include in the City Manager's FY12 and FY 13 preliminary budgets an appropriation of up to 1.5 mills for the support of Gallatin College Programs and by doing so the City Commission indicates its commitment, subject to approval of the FY12 and FY 13 budgets pursuant to law, to appropriate the value of up to 1.5 mills in FY12 and FY 13 to support the establishment of Gallatin College Programs and aid the development of two year education programs, services and operations.

### Section 3

That should it be found by any court of competent jurisdiction that any section, clause, portion, sentence, word, or phrase of this resolution is deemed to be contrary to any existing law or regulations, that in this instance, it is the intent of the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana, that all other portions, sections, words, clauses, phrases, or paragraphs of this document shall remain in full force and effect.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana, at a regular session thereof held on the 10th day of January, 2011.

  
JEFFREY K. KRAUSS  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
STACY ULMEN, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
GREG SULLIVAN  
City Attorney